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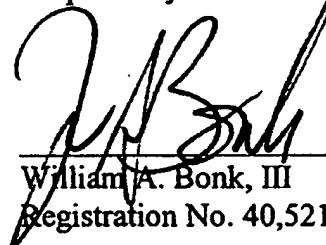
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PETITION TO MAKE APPLICATION SPECIAL GROUP 3600
35 U.S.C. §131; 37 C.F.R. §1.102

Applicants petition to make special to advance out of turn for examination or further action the above-identified Application because the above-identified invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment by contributing to the restoration or maintenance of the basic life-sustaining materials (air, water and/or soil). Applicants submit a Declaration in support of this Petition. This petition is submitted without any fee, under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c).

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**STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR INVENTION THAT MATERIALLY
ENHANCES THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT
35 U.S.C. §131; 37 C.F.R. §1.102**

The Applicants, William M. Traut and Stanley J. Sreda, in support of a Petition to Make Special to advance out of turn for examination or further action the above-identified Application, state:

1. The invention materially enhances the quality of the environment by contributing to the restoration and maintenance of the basic life-sustaining elements, *i.e.* air, water and soil.
2. The invention is a vent for and method of concealing and venting a septic system.
3. To this end, the invention provides a leg configured to conceal a portion of, and convey gas from, a conduit configured to vent gas from a septic system. The invention also provides a method of concealing the conduit including sizing the conduit, then mounting on the conduit a leg configured to convey gas from the conduit.
4. The invention provides a vent and a method for venting a septic system that releases decomposing gas to the atmosphere and discourages debris from entering the septic system, which ensures proper functioning thereto and safeguards the environment from contamination.
5. The invention provides for ensuring the venting of a septic system in a manner that complies with state regulatory schemes.

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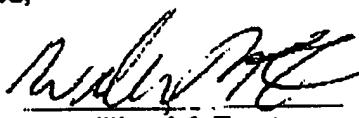
6. The invention provides for easy installation of a vent that conceals and vents a septic system. Consequently, even if installed by the most mechanically disinclined, the invention will accomplish the intended venting and protecting functions necessary to sustain delicate decomposition processes occurring in the associated septic system.

7. Thus, the invention enhances the quality of the environment by ensuring proper functioning of a septic system and preventing contamination of local air, water and soil.

The undersigned, aware that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine, imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any Patent issuing thereon, avcr that all statements made of the undersigneds' own knowledge are true and those made on information and belief are believed to be true.

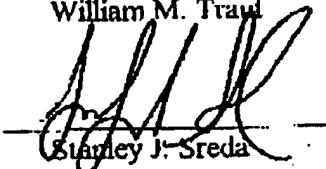
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